Arizona State Anthems

The Arizona State Song (Anthem) was adopted by the Fourth State Legislature in 1919 and became effective February 28, 1919.

The title is Arizona March Song, with words written by Margaret Rowe Clifford and music by Maurice Blumenthal. The words were copyrighted in 1915 by Margaret Rowe Clifford. The state of Arizona now owns the copyright.

The music is published by the Hatch Music Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



Arizona March Song

Words by Margaret Rowe Clifford

Music by Maurice Blumenthal

Come to this land of sunshine
To this land where life is young.
Where the wide, wide world is waiting,
The songs that will now be sung.
Where the golden sun is flaming
Into warm, white, shining day,
And the sons of men are blazing
Their priceless right of way.

Come stand beside the rivers
Within our valleys broad.
Stand here with heads uncovered,
In the presence of our God!
While all around, about us
The brave, unconquered band,
As guardians and landmarks
The giant mountains stand.

Not alone for gold and silver
Is Arizona great.
But with graves of heroes sleeping,
All the land is consecrate!
O, come and live beside us
However far ye roam
Come and help us build up temples
And name those temples "home".

CHORUS:

Sing the song that's in your hearts
Sing of the great Southwest,
Thank God, for Arizona
In splendid sunshine dressed.
For thy beauty and thy grandeur,
For thy regal robes so sheen
We hail thee Arizona
Our Goddess and our queen.

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Sing the queen.

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Words and Music by Rex Allen, Jr.

I love you, Arizona; Your mountains, deserts and streams; The rise of Dos Cabezas* And the outlaws I see in my dreams;

I love you Arizona, Superstitions, Grand Canyon and all; The warmth you give at sunrise; Your sunsets put music in us all.

Oo, Arizona;
You're the magic in me;
Oo, Arizona,
You're the life-blood of me;

I love you Arizona;
Desert dust on the wind;
The sage and cactus are blooming,
And the smell of the rain on your skin.

Oo, Arizona; You're the magic in me; Oo, Arizona, You're the life-blood of me.

*Dos Cabezas (Two Heads) - mountain peaks in Cochise County, Arizona

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More than 60 years after the adoption of the Arizona March Song, the Arizona Legislature named ARIZONA, a song written and performed by Rex Allen, Jr., as an alternate state song in 1982.

